

TO TASK MODIFIED CIVIL SERVICE IN POLICE SELECTION

Commissioner Edgar After
Laws Which Will Make De-
partments More Permanent
and Efficient.

John B. Edgar, commissioner of fire and police, is planning to ask the next session of the legislature to pass a modified civil service law, which will bring about efficiency and permanency in the two departments.

Mr. Edgar points out that it has been the custom in the past for each incoming commissioner of fire and police to have a shakeup in the personnel of the departments. He does not hope to stop this practice, but he does hope to make it harder to let out a man who has demonstrated that he is a good officer or fireman.

The bill Mr. Edgar will seek to have made into law will provide for an officer or fireman who has successfully passed the civil service examination to be placed on the force for a probation period of three months. At the end of that time the candidate will be given an examination in practical work by the commission of officers of the police or fire departments. If this examination reveals that the man has the making of a fireman or policeman he will be retained for a year.

At the end of that period he will be given another examination by the same board. If he successfully shows that he has the qualities for his work, he will be admitted to full rank immediately. This, Mr. Edgar states, will advance a man to full rank in one year instead of five, as at present, but will make the advancement depend upon merit, rather than to work automatically without regard to merit, as under the present system.

Under the provisions of the bill, all complaints will be heard by the proposed commission of practical officers. The commissioner, of course, would still have the power to overrule the recommendations of this commission, but it is hardly probable that this would be done in the case where the commission found that the man under charges had been found to be a good officer and had been maligned.

The schools now maintained for the instruction of firemen and policemen would be maintained and enlarged, so that new men on the force would be given every opportunity to become efficient in their professions. Should they fail, under these conditions, to develop the necessary qualities within one year, Mr. Edgar believes they would not have the qualities necessary for making a policeman or fireman in their make-ups. The plan would make promotions the result of merit, rather than automatic, and would tend toward increasing the efficiency of the two departments.

PARALYSIS OF MINING INDUSTRY THREATENED

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Dec. 14.—With approximately one-third of the republic's silver and copper mines closed because of the low market price of those metals, the government this week will take emergency measures to prevent complete paralysis of the industry, according to a treasury department statement. More than 500,000 laborers would be made idle if all the mines closed. The action is expected to take the form of a presidential decree reducing freight rates and federal taxes and annulling laws restricting the importation of materials, such as steel, powder, acids and tools.

MARRIAGES.

Mrs. R. E. Edmondson and E. L. Terry, Winnie Brannon and O. L. Terry, Mrs. Grace B. Planting and Frank Fowler, Lida Bell Caraway and Frank E. Friend, Martha C. Sherrod and Richard F. Gaines, Myrtle U. Fraughton and George E. Noblin, Velma Castleberry and J. J. Bogan, Annetta Klerksy and R. B. Kline, Evelyn Kreiger and E. H. Davis.

Anna Boyd and Homer Jennings, Mal Smith and Jack D. Hieron, Julie Tucker and Frank Anderson, Elinor Turner and Marshall Moon, Laura McDonald and John White, Alma F. Howard and H. M. Stewart.

Lucile Craig and W. G. Reed, Jr., Zephora Morris and J. J. Williams, Gladys Johnson and George Ryan, Laurene Hamilton and Ed C. Giddings, Leah Maria Dolan and Alvin Franklin Scott, May Beutwell and Jim Nelson, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Thill and V. P. Franks, Beatrice Hudson and E. T. White.

Annie Plunkett and Joe Clark, Rebecca Johnson and Tom Young, Blanche Daisy Fowler and Henry Walker, Daisy Belle Dean and Emmett Bailey, Martha Parker and Pete Sanders, Maude Hutchins and M. O. Thur.

BIRTHS.

James White and Alice Margaret Warder, 1043 1/2 North Dec. 8, girl; Edward and Alice O'Brien Reininger, 882 North Second, Dec. 10, boy; Henry and Leona Riley, Jr., 388 Humphrey, Dec. 7, girl; Aaron and Annie Parker Reed, 224 South Fourth, Dec. 1, girl.

DEATHS.

Israel Evans, 44, 114 Maple, Nov. 20, gunshot wounds.
Rance Jernigan, 62, 31 White street, Dec. 5, bronchial pneumonia.
James Beasley, 19, Memphis General hospital, Dec. 6, fracture of skull.
Nelson Mosby, 35, Jane Terrell Baptist hospital, Dec. 6, paralysis.
Mathias Frederick, 52, Perkins, Pa., Dec. 10, accidental tube, broken pipe.
Christine Gibbs, 84, Bush infirmary, Dec. 12, arterio sclerosis.
Elizabeth W. 65, Hall's, Tenn., Dec. 11, lung disease.
Mrs. Mary J. Humphreys, 85, 1056 Roland, Dec. 12, pneumonia.
Mrs. Martha Park, Ballentine, 88, 768 Leath, Dec. 10, apoplexy.
Mrs. Cynthia Elmina Griffin, 75, 725 Galloway, Dec. 11, broncho pneumonia.
Grady Doyle Stacks, 4, St. Joseph's hospital, Dec. 10, broncho pneumonia.
Minnie Lowery, 34, 26 Walnut, Dec. 10, tubercular meningitis.
John M. Griffin, 38, 422 McDavitt, Dec. 12, pneumonia.
Mrs. Mary Ida Haynes, 53, 1056 Lauderdale, Dec. 12, nephritis.
Ellen Morrison Dorris, 82, 1249 Vinton, Dec. 9, acute endocarditis.
John J. Walsh, 64, 273 Maryland, Dec. 13, chronic nephritis.
Cassell King, 20, Memphis General hospital, Dec. 12, peritonitis.
Will Johnson, 41, 324 Autumn, Dec. 10, pulmonary tuberculosis.
Leanna Seales, 43, 859 Randle, Dec. 10, pellagra.
Jessie Dyson, 24, 927 Main, extended, Dec. 10, neuritis and neuritis.
Leola Reed, 87, gunshot wound.
Wash Hamilton, 47, Memphis General hospital, Dec. 11, appendicitis.
Katie Shelley, 38, 1490 Adelaide, Dec. 9, unknown.
Florence Bullock, 36, Jane Terrell hospital, Dec. 13, gonorrhea.
John Johnson, 39, 922 Knight, Dec. 12, paralysis.

AMUSEMENTS

Orpheum.
Was it Louise Dresser who someone once termed "Pacific Sunshine"? Whether or no, the appellation is a good one for the bundle of personality who, with Jack Gardner, is leading this week's Orpheum bill. She has the ever-present smile, the likeable mannerisms and truly is an engaging show woman.

With Gardner, friend husband, she puts over a talking and singing turn which adds much to the pleasing properties of the new bill. As a whole, the Orpheum attraction is not as good as the previous week. However, who can expect the best at all times.

More than acceptable is the little playlet, "The Love Game," which Harry Hayden has brought to Memphis. It deals with the trials and tribulations of a bumptious young man who hesitates in love. Situations are well worked up by a good supporting cast.

State.
One would scarcely suspect that Harry Hines, versatile headliner at Loew's State theater for the first half of this week, was formerly a newsie, but such is the case. Hines seldom forgets that he was once selling papers upon the streets for a living. Because of this fact, Hines has done a great deal to better the station of the newsie in many cities. In other large cities, he has sold papers upon the streets, the proceeds going toward raising funds to form a club where they could enjoy the reading matter and have regular meetings. Only because of the fact that Memphis already has an organized Newsboys' club, did Hines forego his plan here.

Lyceum.
"Madame Peacock," Loew-Metro photodrama, with Nazimova in the leading role, playing the first half of the week at Loew's Lyceum, is pleasing capacity audiences daily. The great Russian actress is winning more plaudits with this than any picture she has produced in years. This praise is more the welcome to Nazimova because the production is virtually one she herself has had the biggest part in for the play is written by herself, basing the picture upon the story by Ilya Witman. It is a peculiar feature that while Nazimova in one of her roles enacts the part of a temperamental actress, the star herself is not the least inclined this way and noted critics of the East have paid her the compliment of calling her the least temperamental of all great actresses.

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